## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS DEPARTMENTOF HEALTH

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**To:** Licensees and Members of the Community Interested in the:

Rules and Regulations for Licensing Analytical Laboratories (R23-16.2-A/LAB) proposed to be re-titled Rules and Regulations for Certifying Analytical Laboratories

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**Date:** October 13, 2004

Please be advised that the Department of Health is proposing to amend the *Rules and Regulations for Licensing Analytical Laboratories* (proposed to be re-titled *Rules and Regulations for Certifying Analytical Laboratories*) that is available online for your review: www.health.ri.gov/hsr/regulations/index.php and the Secretary of State's website: www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/

Generally, these regulations have been revised pursuant to Public Law 03-072 enacted by the Rhode Island General Assembly on June 27, 2003.

Because of your interest, knowledge, and expertise in these matters, the Department would appreciate your review of the document in preparation for an *informal* community review meeting scheduled for: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2004 AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE LABORATORY LECTURE ROOM at the Division of Laboratories (Chapin Building, 50 Orms Street, Providence—across from the Marriott Hotel). If you have any questions about the proposed changes to the regulations, or if you would like to submit written comments, please direct them to me (via e-mail: EwaK@doh.state.ri.us) or by telephone at 401-222-5600.

Please feel free to circulate additional copies of this letter or the regulations, as needed, to any interested party. Upon request, to persons with disabilities, copies of these proposed regulations are also available in Braille, large print, audio cassette, and electronic file (computer disk). Contact the Division of Health Services Regulation (401-222-1039 or RI Relay dial 711) if you need such assistance.

Thank you.